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- McGraw Hill Financial Inc., will pay \$1.5 billion in a settlement reached February 2 to resolve a collection of lawsuits over the company's ratings on mortgage securities that soured leading up to the 2008 financial crisis. – *Reuters* (See item [6](#))
- The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating an accident on the Metro-North Railroad's Harlem Line in Westchester, New York, February 3 that killed 6 people and injured 15 others. – *Time Warner Cable News NY1 New York City* (See item [7](#))
- A silo filled with peanuts exploded February 3 following a fire at a GFA Peanut Company plant in Cordele, Georgia, causing at least \$750,000 in damage to peanuts and equipment. – *WALB 10 Albany* (See item [11](#))
- Researchers discovered two malicious applications which utilize Apple's iOS operating system connected to Operation Pawn Storm, a cyber espionage campaign targeting personal information, geolocation data, and other information from personnel in Western military, government, defense industry firms, and the media. – *Dark Reading* (See item [20](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *February 4, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **State orders injection well shut down after northwestern Oklahoma earthquake.** The Oklahoma Corporation Commission ordered SandRidge Energy to shut down its injection well in Alfalfa County February 3 due to continuing earthquakes following a magnitude-4.1 earthquake recorded in the area January 30. The injection well was operating under a “yellow light” permit which would allow the well to be shut in contingent on any seismic activity.

Source: [http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/local/state-orders-injection-well-shut-down-after-northwestern-oklahoma-earthquake/article\\_4184d155-d9b2-523d-a8d5-033174ff8584.html](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/local/state-orders-injection-well-shut-down-after-northwestern-oklahoma-earthquake/article_4184d155-d9b2-523d-a8d5-033174ff8584.html)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

2. *February 3, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Man killed in explosion at Carol Stream manufacturing plant.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration opened an investigation following a February 2 explosion of an approximately 200-gallon air tank at Maac Machinery that caused the death of a worker in Carol Stream.

Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2015/02/03/man-killed-in-explosion-at-carol-stream-manufacturing-plant/>

3. *February 3, Associated Press* – (International) **Jeep recalls 228,000 Cherokees for air bag problem.** Jeep issued a recall for over 228,000 model years 2014 and 2015 Cherokees worldwide to address a software problem that could cause side air bags to inadvertently inflate during extreme maneuvers when drivers drastically change the angle of travel.

Source: <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2015/02/03/jeep-recalls-228000-cherokees-air-bag-problem/>

4. *February 3, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **Plating shop exposes workers to serious cancer risk; other health hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Dallas-based Lane Plating Works Inc., a chrome plating shop

February 3 for 2 willful and 19 serious violations after discovering workers were being exposed to unsafe levels of hexavalent chromium dust. Proposed penalties totaled \$110,200.

Source:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=27321](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27321)

5. *February 2, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Georgia) **Georgia automotive parts producer fails to protect employees from workplace safety hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued 14 serious citations, 5 other violations, and proposed \$55,800 in penalties to PAI Industries Inc., February 2 for failing to protect employees from dangers ranging from machinery that could accidentally start up during maintenance and servicing, to not providing a workplace free from recognized hazards at the company's Georgia site.

Source:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=27315](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27315)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

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## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *February 3, Reuters* – (National) **S&P reaches \$1.5 billion deal with U.S., states over crisis-era ratings.** Credit rating firm Standard & Poor's parent company McGraw Hill Financial Inc., will pay \$687.5 million to the U.S. Department of Justice and \$687.5 million to 19 U.S. States and the District of Columbia and will pay the California Public Employees' Retirement System \$125 million in a settlement reached February 2 to resolve a collection of lawsuits over the company's ratings on mortgage securities that soured leading up to the 2008 financial crisis.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/03/us-s-p-settlement-idUSKBN0L71C120150203>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

7. *February 4, Time Warner Cable News NY1 New York City* – (New York) **Metro-North accident kills 6, injures 15 on Harlem Line.** The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating a deadly accident on the Harlem Line of the Metro-North Railroad in Westchester February 3 where a vehicle that was trapped between rail crossing safety gates was struck by a commuter train, resulting in a fiery crash that

killed 6 people and injured 15 others. Train and bus service on the Upper Harlem line was partially restored February 4 and will run in limited capacity until further notice as authorities investigate and clear the scene.

Source: <http://www.ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/news/2015/02/4/deadly-metro-north-accident-on-harlem-line.html>

8. *February 3, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Flight to Denver returns to O’Hare after passengers become ill.** A United Airlines flight headed to Denver from Chicago returned to O’Hare International Airport after 5 crew members and 2 passengers fell ill due to pressurization issues February 3. The sickened individuals were evaluated at the airport, and United Airlines made alternative accommodations for the 174 passengers to continue on to Denver while maintenance crews inspected the plane.  
Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2015/02/03/flight-to-denver-returns-to-ohare-after-passengers-become-ill/>
9. *February 2, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Houston postal workers plead guilty to theft.** Two U.S. Postal Service employees pleaded guilty February 2 to mail theft involving gift cards and cash while working at the North Houston Processing and Distribution Center where opened mail was discovered in the ceiling tiles of several men’s restrooms. Investigators recovered 257 pieces of stolen and opened mail that allegedly disappeared between December 2013 and April 2014.  
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/2-plead-guilty-in-mail-theft-cases-6057364.php>
10. *February 2, WGN 9 Chicago* – (Illinois) **About 100 cars involved in crash on I-294.** Two lanes reopened on Interstate 294 in Worth, Illinois, after a chain-reaction crash involving about 100 vehicles blocked all southbound lanes for approximately 2 hours February 2. Ten individuals were transported to area hospitals with injuries, and the Illinois State Police reported that black ice was likely the cause of the accident.  
Source: <http://wgntv.com/2015/02/02/crews-respond-to-multi-vehicle-accident-on-sb-i-294/>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

11. *February 3, WALB 10 Albany* – (Georgia) **Cordele peanut fire continues to smolder.** Firefighters remained at the scene after a silo filled with several hundred tons of peanuts exploded February 3 at a GFA Peanut Company plant in Cordele following a fire that started February 2 and is believed to have been sparked by a chemical sprayed onto the nuts. At least \$750,000 worth of peanuts and equipment was destroyed by the incident that remains under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.walb.com/story/28006971/multiple-fire-crews-fight-peanut-fire>
12. *February 3, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Whole Foods Market recalls raw macadamia nuts from stores in AL, GA, MS, NC, SC and TN due to possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported February 3 that

Whole Foods Market issued a recall for packaged raw macadamia nuts due to possible Salmonella contamination that was detected during routine testing. The recalled product was sold in 5.6-ounce packages at Whole Foods Market, Greenlife Grocery, and Harry's Farmers Market stores in several States.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm432870.htm>

13. *February 2, U.S. Department of Labor* – (National) **OSHA, EPA, and Fertilizer Safety and Health Partners sign alliance to protect workers and first responders from hazardous chemicals.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration entered into a partnership February 2 with the Fertilizer Safety and Health Partners and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide safety and health information and training resources to agricultural retail and supply business establishments, first responders, and communities. The alliance will develop outreach materials, best practices and case studies to strengthen efforts for the safe storage and handling of fertilizers such as ammonium nitrate and anhydrous ammonia.

Source:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=27306](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27306)

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

14. *February 3, Washington Post* – (Washington, D.C.) **D.C. special-ed student information inadvertently posted online since 2010.** Washington, D.C. public school officials reported February 3 that training documents for special-education providers containing the personal information of an unknown number of special-education students was inadvertently posted to an internal, unprotected Web site since 2010. The site was shut down and the log-in information for the database was changed while authorities continue to investigate the extent of the breach.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/security-breach-exposed-personal-information-for-dc-special-ed-students/2015/02/03/a193e9d4-abca-11e4-ad71-7b9eba0f87d6\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/security-breach-exposed-personal-information-for-dc-special-ed-students/2015/02/03/a193e9d4-abca-11e4-ad71-7b9eba0f87d6_story.html)

15. *February 3, Reuters* – (International) **Former contracting official charged in U.S.**

**Navy corruption case.** A former U.S. Navy contracting official was charged February 3, becoming the ninth person charged in connection to a corruption investigation involving Singapore-based Glenn Defense Marine Asia. The former contracting official allegedly received cash, luxury travel, and entertainment between May 2006 and 2012 in exchange for providing the defense contractor's president and chief executive officer with classified information and advocating for contracts to the company.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/04/us-usa-navy-corruption-idUSKBN0L809820150204>

16. *February 3, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **Three students injured when school bus hits tree in Nottingham.** Officials are investigating after 3 students from Nottingham School in New Hampshire were injured and transported to a local hospital when their school bus crashed into a tree on Deerfield Road February 3.  
Source: <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20150203/NEWS07/150209696>
17. *February 3, North Andover Eagle-Tribune* – (Massachusetts) **Water main break closes Pentucket Regional High School.** A water main break prompted the closure of Pentucket Regional High School in West Newbury February 3 after a 6-inch main ruptured February 1. Classes were also cancelled February 2 due to a snowstorm.  
Source: [http://www.eagletribune.com/news/haverhill/water-main-break-closes-pentucket-regional-high-school/article\\_59d326d1-45dc-5ae7-8d18-d1784173445d.html](http://www.eagletribune.com/news/haverhill/water-main-break-closes-pentucket-regional-high-school/article_59d326d1-45dc-5ae7-8d18-d1784173445d.html)
18. *February 3, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Head-on collision involving school bus in Denham Springs sends elementary students and car driver to hospital.** A driver and 15 Juban Park Elementary School students were injured and transported to an area hospital following a head-on collision between a vehicle and the school bus in Denham Springs in Livingston Parish February 3.  
Source: [http://www.nola.com/news/baton-rouge/index.ssf/2015/02/school\\_bus\\_denham\\_springs\\_acci.html](http://www.nola.com/news/baton-rouge/index.ssf/2015/02/school_bus_denham_springs_acci.html)
19. *February 3, KNSD 39 San Diego* – (California) **La Jolla Country Day School closed Wednesday due to bomb threat.** Authorities are investigating after a bomb threat was called into La Jolla Country Day School in San Diego February 2 which prompted school officials to cancel classes February 3 as a precaution.  
Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/La-Jolla-Country-Day-Closed-Wednesday-Due-to-Bomb-Threat-290736711.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

20. *February 4, Dark Reading* – (International) **Apple iOS now targeted in massive cyber espionage campaign.** Trend Micro researchers discovered two malicious applications which utilize Apple's iOS operating system connected to Operation Pawn Storm, a cyber espionage campaign targeting personal information, text messages, contact lists, voice recordings, pictures, lists of installed apps and processes, and geolocation data from personnel in Western military, government, defense industry firms, and the media. Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/mobile/apple-ios-now-targeted-in-massive-cyber-espionage-campaign/d/d-id/1318946>
21. *February 3, PCWorld* – (International) **Dangerous Internet Explorer vulnerability opens door to powerful phishing attacks.** Microsoft reported that it is working on a security update to address an Internet Explorer universal cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability discovered by a Deusen researcher that could allow attackers to bypass the Same-Origin Policy to launch phishing attacks or hijack users' accounts on any Web site. Source: <http://www.pcworld.com/article/2879372/dangerous-ie-vulnerability-opens-door-to-powerful-phishing-attacks.html>

### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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22. *February 4, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **1 dead, firefighter and 2 others hurt in massive Norristown apartment fire.** A 4-alarm fire at the Norris Apartments building in Montgomery County February 4 killed 1 resident and injured 3 others as the blaze spread throughout the structure and caused a partial building collapse. More than 20 residents were displaced by the fire that is believed to have started in the basement and was ignited by something that went down a trash chute. Source: <http://6abc.com/news/1-dead-firefighter-and-2-others-hurt-in-norristown-fire/503592/>

23. *February 3, Lehigh Valley Express-Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Lehigh Valley Mall, all of its stores reopen on schedule after power outage.** A transformer failure caused a power outage at the Lehigh Valley Mall in Whitehall Township and prompted the closure of at least 30 retailers February 2. The stores reopened February 3 after a contractor resolved the electrical issue and restored power.  
Source: [http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/lehigh-county/index.ssf/2015/02/lehigh\\_valley\\_mall\\_all\\_of\\_its.html](http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/lehigh-county/index.ssf/2015/02/lehigh_valley_mall_all_of_its.html)
24. *February 3, KNSD 39 San Diego* – (California) **Water main break at Balboa Park shuts down water, musical.** Several buildings, including the San Diego Natural History Museum and the Old Globe theater, in Balboa Park were forced to close February 3 after a 16-inch water main broke and water service was shut off. Crews worked overnight to repair the break and water service was expected to be restored February 4.  
Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Water-Main-Break-Near-Zoo-Shuts-down-Water-290713661.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

25. *February 2, Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company* – (Wisconsin) **Eau Pleine Reservoir aerator starting.** The Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC) issued February 2 a warning for unsafe ice and open water at the Eau Pleine Reservoir in Marathon County as the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and WVIC bring the reservoir's primary aerator system online to help maintain oxygen levels in the water for the fishery. DNR personnel will install rope barriers and reflective signage in the area to warn of the danger.  
Source: [http://www.wvic.com/Content/Eau\\_Pleine\\_Reservoir\\_Aerator\\_Starting.cfm](http://www.wvic.com/Content/Eau_Pleine_Reservoir_Aerator_Starting.cfm)

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